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Sir:

Re: Docket No DN2000-159D01

This is a request for filing a Divisional application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b), of pending prior Application Serial No. 09/944,664, filed on August 31, 2001, which claims the benefit of United States Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/229,494, filed on August 31, 2000, of Adel Farhan Halasa and Wen-Liang Hsu for SYNTHESIS OF SOLUBLE FUNCTIONALIZED LITHIUM INITIATORS, presently pending in Art Unit 1621.

- 1. Enclosed is the specification for the subject patent application and a copy of the originally filed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- 2. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the filing fee of \$770.00 to Account No. 07-1725. The filing fee is calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS REMAINING IN THE APPLICATION

| Basic Fee7 | 70.00 |
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| Additional fees: | |
| Total number of claims in excess of 20, times \$18.00 | -0- |
| Number of independent claims in excess of 3, times \$86.00 | -0- |
| TOTAL FILING FEE \$77 | 70.00 |

3. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 07-1725. Duplicate copies of this sheet are enclosed.

- 4. The prior application is assigned to The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company.
- 5. The applicants hereby incorporate by reference United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/944,664, filed on August 31, 2001, and United States Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/229,494, filed on August 31, 2000.
- 6. The attached photocopy of the Declaration signed by the Inventors indicates that the power of attorney appearing in the original papers in the prior application is to:

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Enclosures:

Copy of specification for divisional application

Copy of Declaration

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